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Carol,

I suggest the following changes to your problem definition statement.

The Ecosystem water quality subcommittee defines a parameter of concern to be when repeated measurements by different laboratories demonstrate that contaminant concentrations in a water body are above guidelines recommended for protection of aquatic or human health. These guidelines include:

- Central Valley or San Francisco Regional Board Basin Plan water quality objectives, U.S. EPA water quality criteria or Fish and Game Hazard Assessment criteria.
- Department of Health Services MCLs
- Sediment criteria in dredging permits (*I'm not the expert here but have referred the problem to Bill Croyle our dredge expert*).
- Department of Health Services fish tissue consumption levels.
- ⑥ Concentrations causing violations of Regional Board Basin Plan narrative toxicity objectives. Compliance is determined by analyses of indicator organisms, species diversity, population density, growth anomalies, and biotoxicity tests of appropriate duration. (*This is a quote from our Basin Plan, it is a little long and you may want to modify it somewhat*).

Carol, I'm out of the office for the next several days. Here is my first cut at a problem definition statement.

Thanks

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